<u>REMARKS</u>

This Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is submitted in order to re-submit a corrected Listing of Claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that this correction of the claim listing addresses all the issues raised in the Notice. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Amendment and the corrected section be forwarded to the Examiner for examination.

If there is any question with respect to entry of the corrected section, kindly contact the undersigned attorney.

In view of the amendment to claim 18 and for the reasons set forth in the Amendment dated April 12, 2004, applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfylly submitted,

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The amendment document filed on $4/6/9$ is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as aniended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted. 37 CFR 1.121(h).		
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		B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims)
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		D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order (4)
		E. Other:
For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf .		
If the non-compliant amendment is a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.		

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